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C O N F I D E N T I A L LIBREVILLE 1871

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, GB

SUBJ: DELINQUENT FMS PAYMENTS

REF: LIBREVILLE 1697 AND PREVIOUS

1. BELIEVE IT OR NOT, WE SEEM TO HAVE HAD YET ANOTHER GLITCH (MAYBE TWO) ON THIS SUBJECT. AMBASSADOR FINALLY CORNERED MPOUHO AT UNIVERSITY CEREMONY THIS MORNING TO GRILL HIM ABOUT WHERE WE STOOD ON DELINQUENT FMS PAYMENTS. MPOUHO REPLIED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED WORD THAT TRANSFER TO CHEMICAL HAD BEEN COMPLETED BUT THAT CHEMICAL HAD NOT BEEN ABLE DEPOSIT TO TREASURY ACCOUNT BECAUSE OF SOME MIX-UP ABOUT NUMBERS. MPOUHO STATED HE HAD SUBSEQUENTLY PROVIDED PRECISE NUMBERS AND THAT TRANSACTION SHOULD NOW HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

2) DURING AFTERNOON AFTER SESSIONS IN MPOUHO'S OFFICE AND BGL GOING OVER FILES WE ABLE DETERMINE THAT BGL PARIS CORRESPONDENT, BANQUE FRANCAISE INTERCONTINENTALE (FIBA), HAD TELEPHONE BGL JUNE 30 WITH NEWS THAT CHEMICAL HAD RECEIVED TRANSFER BUT HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN ABLE COMPLETE TRANSACTION BECAUSE OF ERROR IN ADDRESS INFORMATION. BGL, AFTER CHECKING WITH MPOUHO, PROVIDED FIBA FOR CHEMICAL THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS FOR PAYMENT: UNITED STATES TREASURY, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, 0210-3000-4, TREASURY NYC, DEF
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SEC ASST AGENCY, PAYMENT FOR CREDIT AGREEMENT NO 761 D. ONLY PROBLEM WE CAN SEE WITH ADDRESS AS PROVIDED BY BGL IS THAT IT SHOULD HAVE ALSO STATED PAYMENT FOR CREDIT AGREEMENT 771G. AMOUNT OF 113,306,475 FRANCS CFA WAS DESIGNATED TO COVER JUNE 30 AND DECEMBER 31, 1977 PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS ON 761D AND FEBRUARY 27, 1978 PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENT ON CREDIT AGREEMENT 771 G.

3) MPOUHO AWARE THAT JUNE 30, 1978 PAYMENT ON 761 D WAS DUE JUNE 30 AND HAS PROMISED THAT REGULAR PROCEDURES THROUGH MINISTRY OF FINANCE WILL BE ESTABLISHED NEXT WEEK FOR THAT AND ALL SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS. MPOUHO IS AT LAS BEGINNING TO SHOW SOME SENSITIVITY TO FACT THAT NON-PAYMENT INCREASINGLY JEOPARDIZES CURRENT FMS TRANCHE IN WHICH PRESIDENT BONGO IS PERSONALLY INTENSELY INTERESTED FOR APPLICATION TOWARD PURCHASE OF HELICOPTERS.

4. COMMENT: GIVEN AMOUNT OF INTEREST IN THIS CASE, IT REGRETTABLE THAT CHEMICAL BANK DID NOT NOTIFY DEPT OR DOD THAT PAYMENT HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM GOG, ALBIET WITH INCORRECT NUMBER. WE AT LEAST HOPE THAT IF PAYMENT IS NOW ACTUALLY MADE, BUT DOES NOT HAVE ALL CORRECT CASE NUMBERS THAT TREASURY WILL SORT IT OUT WITHOUT HAVING TO REFER BACK HERE STILL ONE MORE TIME.TIENKEN

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